



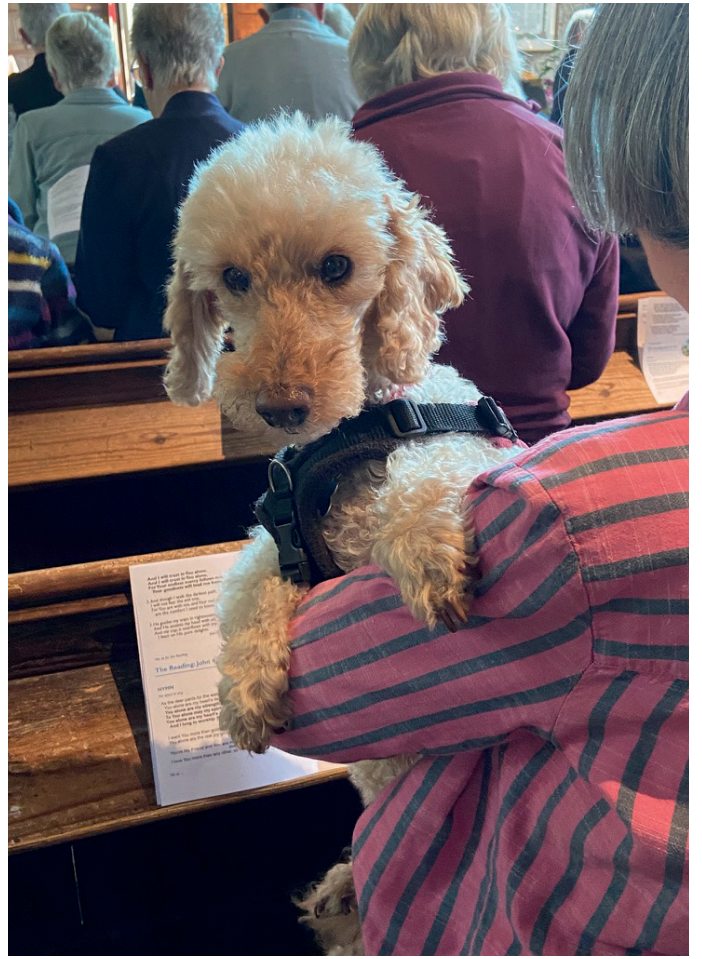
St Michael the Archangel

Shalfleet

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2025**

Incumbent:

Rev. Jackie Maw



Name: St Michael the Archangel, Shalfleet
Address: Main Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NF
Incumbent: Rev Jackie Maw

Aims of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

St Michael's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church in the ecclesiastical parish of Shalfleet and is responsible for maintaining the fabric of the church, the churchyard, and Shalfleet Village Hall.

Membership of the PCC

The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC during 2025:

Incumbent: Rev Jackie Maw
Curate: Rev Charlotte Hudd
Churchwardens: Nicholas Oulton
Henry Blacksell
Treasurer: Steve Holden
Elected members: Pamela Rose
Chloe Sutherland
Rhod Powell
Jane McGhee
Michael Beavis
Secretary: Jane Daubney
Deanery Synod Representative: Jane McGhee
Safeguarding Representative: Christine Robbins
Organist: Pamela Rose
Architect: Jeremy Poll
Independent Examiner: Ruth Witchard

Organisation of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC conducts its business at full meetings and any decisions needed between meetings are made via email or by the incumbent together with the churchwardens and any appropriate officer or member.

There is a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy that follows Diocesan guidelines. The PCC also has a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed annually.

In 1998 the PCC established The Shalfleet Church Fabric Restoration Trust, responsible for the costs of maintaining the church fabric and churchyard. The Fabric Trust is a separate charity with PCC representatives and regularly reports to the PCC.

Church Attendance

Church attendance at services excluding weddings and funerals averaged 38 per service (2024: 36), with our two choral Evensongs attracting 65 and 70 respectively. 31 services were held (2024: 32) including one wedding (2024: 3), two funerals (2024: 3) and one Christening (2024: 0). Attendance on Easter Sunday was 60 (2024: 53), 91 people attended our Carol Service (2024: 100), and on Christmas Day the congregation was 60 (2024: 54).

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is updated every three years. 2025 saw a completely new Electoral Roll prepared, rather than just the annual revision. At the end of the year we had 38 people on the Electoral Roll.

West Wight Benefice Annual Report Statement

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Jeremiah 6:16

The past year has been marked by both challenge and encouragement within the West Wight Benefice. The benefice continues to experience a significant period of transition in the life of its churches. The Senior Leadership Team of the Diocese has recognised the need to review and reshape existing parish structures, alongside affirming the importance of a resident clergy presence within each locality of the benefice.

The forthcoming retirement of the incumbent at the end of October, together with current clergy vacancies, has understandably given rise to concern across the benefice. It is important to note that these matters are receiving active attention from Bishop Jonathan and the diocesan leadership team. While such concerns are valid, they should be considered within the wider context of the benefice’s ongoing life and ministry.

The worshipping and pastoral life of the benefice continues to be sustained by the commitment and service of a wide range of individuals. The clergy team includes Associate Minister Revd Mark Pullinger; curates Revd Charlotte Hudd and Revd Jane Shyvers; and retired clergy Revd Linda Porter, Revd Linda Bushell, and Revd Jenny Manners. In addition, Licensed Lay Minister Peter Johnson, together with Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers, make a significant contribution to the conduct of services and the spiritual life of the churches.

Pastoral care across the benefice is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers. Particular recognition is due to the Anna Chaplains, Anne Powell and Barbara Cram, and to the Lay Pastoral Assistants, including Madeline Goodman and her team, whose work provides valued support to individuals and families within the community.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) continue to fulfil their statutory responsibilities in relation to the maintenance of church buildings and the organisation of parish life. Their commitment is evident both in the care of historic church properties and in the sustained effort required to secure funding for their upkeep. This work is both demanding and essential, and their contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

Notwithstanding the challenges associated with clergy transitions and the maintenance of historic buildings, there are clear signs of vitality within the benefice. There is evidence of vision, energy, and creativity within congregations, alongside a developing emphasis on prayer and engagement with Scripture. These areas of spiritual growth are expected to remain a focus in the year ahead.

I do commend this annual report to you and encourage you to read and celebrate all that God is doing in each church.

As this period of ministry draws to a close, it is appropriate to record sincere appreciation for the support, encouragement, and prayers received from across the benefice. While it is not possible to name individuals in this context, their collective contribution has been of considerable significance.

The benefice is well placed to engage with the forthcoming process of reorganisation. It is anticipated that these changes will support the development of a sustainable and fruitful pattern of ministry in the years ahead.

Grace and peace,

The Revd Jackie Maw

Churchwardens’ Review of the Year

We continue to keep the ship floating while waiting for the Diocese to honour the promised reestablishment of our cluster of four churches, with a dedicated priest. Rev Jackie has continued in her impossible task of leading 12 parishes across the West Wight, supported by Rev Mark and two newly ordained curates. We believe that it is now fully agreed at Diocese level that this situation is not sustainable, but the pace at which we are moving to address the situation could best be described as glacial.

The four churches of Shalfleet, Calbourne, Thorley and Newtown have been working together during the year to create a Mission Action Plan and a Profile, ready for the advertisement which will, in due course, go out with a view to recruiting a new priest for our parishes. It is hoped that the priest will live in the vicarage in Shalfleet, although currently the property is occupied by a priest working elsewhere on the Island.

Meanwhile, with our services being shared between Revs Jackie, Mark and Charlotte, supported by a range of others, it has been difficult to establish a sense of continuity of worship. The use of the Book of Common



Years 5 and 6 of Shalfleet School at their end of term carols

Prayer has continued to bring in visitors from outside the parish, and our welcoming refreshments after services continues to be appreciated. But the need for a priest living among us, to provide the pastoral care that is so much a part of the Church's role, is clear for all to see.

The visitors' book continues to remind us how much the church is valued by those who visit during the year. The peace and beauty that people find here is always commented on, and we would like to thank those who help to keep the church looking as it does, with brasses polished, floors swept, flowers arranged and PayAz card machine plugged in and online. The churchyard is always a haven of peace, and we are so grateful to our tiny group of volunteers who keep it looking lovely.

We continue to enjoy a close relationship with our friends on Shalfleet Parish Council, and we are extremely grateful to them for their support. It is rather lovely to live in a parish where there is not continual squabbling between the Church Council and the Parish Council.

Our valiant team on the PCC is not getting any younger, and we would be delighted to welcome more people to help look after this beautiful church for future generations to enjoy.

Shalfleet School

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with the local school, and were delighted once more to welcome the children to the church during the year. Years 5 and 6 held their carol service at the church, and small groups of children came to spend a morning in the church and churchyard, enjoying a range of activities. The Headteacher, Mrs Lizzie Grainger, attends some of our PCC meetings and we are very grateful to her and the staff for their support.

Choir

We are grateful to our organist Pamela Rose and our choir, who continue to rehearse weekly on Thursday afternoons.

Fabric Trust

The PCC is very grateful to the Fabric Trust for its ongoing support with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of the church and churchyard. As a separate charity, the Fabric Trust reports in full elsewhere, but a summary is provided here.

The Lloyds account on 31 December 2025 stood at £8,292 (2024 £5,394). The Fabric Trust needs to pay for the preliminary work on the north porch which was settled from the PCC account last year. The investments with CCLA took a downturn in 2025, the share price decreased from £62.762 at the start of 2025 to £62.030 by December 2025. The current valuation on our investments is £300,299.56. The share price has fluctuated significantly over the last few years and I will keep an eye on performance.



Installation of the new under pew heaters

Lloyds bank have started charging for maintaining our Community account. Charges have varied between £4.25 and £7.47 per month. We will investigate moving our account to NatWest, who currently do not charge.

The Payaz/Sumup system has generally been functioning well. A total of £1,148.54 was received in 2025, with a total of £667.60 banked from the collection box. The Friends group raised £815 during 2025.

We received £1,332.59 rebate on the outstanding Gift Aid on 12th August 2025, covering the period since January 2023. This excludes any claims made through the Payaz/Sumup system, on which we need clarification.

Repairs and maintenance

Work on the north porch has been started and the architect has visited the church to review the work needed. Discussions on the site during the visit concluded that several stones above the metal gate will need partial or complete replacement. The height of the battens supporting the tiles is such that it will not be possible to terminate the tiles under the stones, which could result in water ingress. It was proposed that a lead gutter be constructed from the ridge to the gutter (on both sides) at the northern end of the roof to stop water ingress.

Other projects:

- Upgrade to the heating system. New heaters have been installed under the pews in the central section and on the northern side to the east of the entrance. These provide far more heat than the previous heaters and have been widely approved of. Consideration should be given to adding additional heaters for the pew to the east of the organ and the pews on the south side of the church. With the current wiring it is possible to select which pews are heated. This should be continued for any further heaters.
- Improvements to the lighting. We are looking at ways of improving the lighting in the church, particularly near the organ and in the chancel, for when visiting choirs come for Evensong.
- Regular maintenance of the churchyard has been carried out by the Friends and grateful thanks are due to the two Steves and Henry for the regular hours that they have put in. We have also had support from the Parish Council who have approved the funding for two cuts each year. Jamie cut the hedge facing the main road and one side of the hedge between the field and the new graveyard. The Friends will cut the other side as this must be done by hand.
- Peter Carter cleans the gutters annually and noted that the fixings are getting very loose in some areas. It will be necessary to refix the guttering soon. It was also noted that there was water on the floor near the vestry

after storm Chandra. This is usually due to water ingress along the join between the tower and the main church. An inspection will be requested.

- Weeding and adding more gravel to the main paths. This has been completed. The front gate needs some cleaning and maintenance; this will be carried out in 2026.
- There is a need to do further tree work in the new Churchyard. The willow in front of the Village Hall needs some maintenance. The tree by the overhead electricity supply needs reducing. The dead elms in the hedge along the main road need cutting down. The bay trees between the churchyard and village hall need attention. Some are dead and need removing, the others need reducing. Some progress has been made in the 'orchard' area in the SW of the field, but this needs further work to allow the trees to thrive.

Shalfleet Village Hall

The weekends were well booked all year. There were two wedding receptions and two very well attended Quiz Nights, both raising £150 for Mountbatten, together with multiple bookings from the training group WCTI, lots of children's parties and baby shower events. Bookings for 2026 and 2027 are buoyant.

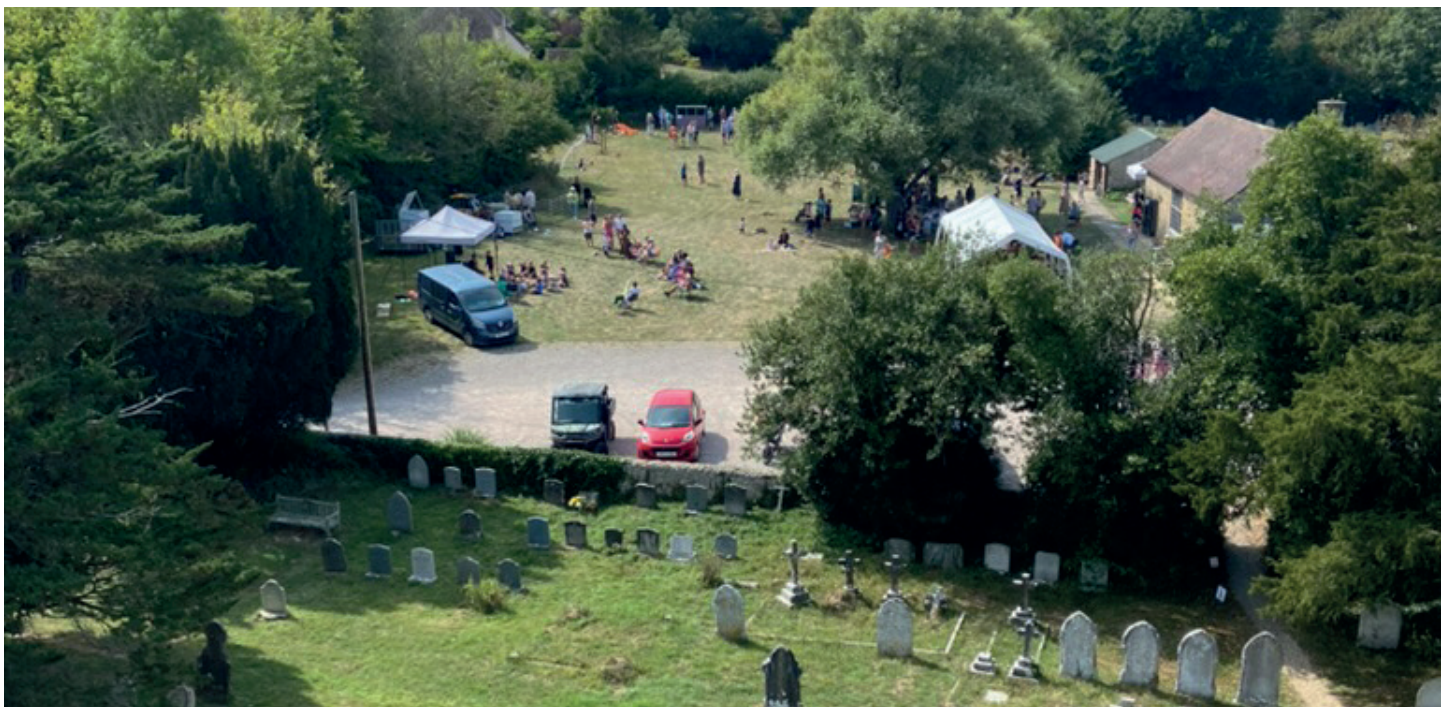
Chelsea Breslin, a local resident and a Shalfleet Parish Counsellor, organised a family orientated fun day of games and entertainment in the field on the August Bank Holiday Sunday. This was well received and depending on support from her family might be repeated.

Our outreach activities have reduced recently due to the closure of the pantry service and the 'My Memories, My Island' group. The Neighbours WhatsApp group has been disbanded due to failing demand. The monthly Ningwood & Shalfleet W.I. has become well established with good attendance.

WightFibre have no current plans to install WiFi in Church lane. An alternative from O2 for a mobile router has been sourced but not yet implemented. The hall lights were upgraded to LED (£1494), the tablecloths were replaced (£416) and a new mower (£539). There are plans in the pipeline in 2026 to replace our elderly Calor gas boiler with an ASHP to reduce our carbon footprint. We are hoping our savings will also stretch to solar panels on the hall roof. This will provide a welcome additional income stream but will require approval from the council planning department.

Donations were made to Gatten & Lake school (£639), St.Michael's PCC (£617), Macmillan Cancer Support (£234) and Mountbatten Hospice (£410). An outside bench was installed in memory of past churchwardens Shirley Still, Brian Mead & Barbara Smith.

Michael Beavis, Debbie Lutas and Hilary Waite, Hall committee



View of the Family Fun Day from the tower

Treasurer's Report

If we look at the deficit for the year we have a figure of £19,486, which appears to be really bad. We must, however take into account that about £5,000 related to last year's Parish Share (the cashing of the cheque completing the payment for 2024 was delayed into 2025). In addition we purchased the under pew heating at the cost of almost £13,000. If we take these into account we made a working deficit of around £1,500.

We are running at the lowest possible level of expenditure, the major expenditure is Parish Share, which is completely out of our control, being determined by the Diocese. The coming year does not show any increase. The other major expenditures are insurance, which will increase and electricity which will increase through the use of under pew heaters.

One area we need to increase is the income. The last year has seen a problem in that we are unable to use gift aid on the collection and we use Parish Giving to reclaim our regular gift aid. This matter is being looked into and a report made to the PCC in the future.

We have large investments, but I want to avoid having to access them unless in an emergency. I think it is within our ability to break even annually and I hope that this will occur in the next few years.

I have been Treasurer for many years, it must be over 25, and as I get older I find it more difficult. I therefore wish to resign as Treasurer. I am happy to continue for the rest of this year, then the new Treasurer could take over at the beginning of next year.

Steve Holden, Treasurer

St. Michael The Archangel, Shalfleet

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of Shalfleet Parochial Church Council. The financial statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 on a Receipts & Payments basis.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

R.E. Watchard
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Date:

12/5/26

	2025	2024
Income		
Regular Giving		
Planned Giving	120	120
CAF Donations	720	720
Collections	5,257	3,171
Parish Giving	1,720	1,701
Income Tax Refund		
Income Tax Refund	192	205
Voluntary Receipts		
Donations	742	513
Sumup	800	30
Interest		
Baker Graves	60	60
Newbridge Hall	186	181
Deposit Account	1,493	2,041
Investment Account	5,892	5,755
Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	1,620	1,383
Fees collected for Diocese	830	656
Hall income		
Regular hirers	2,634	3,877
Outreach events	294	165
Charities	276	104
Other	0	136
Birthday parties	1,355	2,002
Weddings	1,190	3,118
WCTI Commercial Hire	3,964	2,113
IOW and Shalfleet Parish Council Hire	604	1,037
Family Fun Day	1,784	0
Equipment hire	781	2,090
Grants and donations	450	540
Savings interest	264	329
Total receipts	33,229	32,047

	2025	2024
Payments		
Cost of building		
Insurance	2,236	2,163
Utilities	483	941
Improvements	12,912	1,030
Other running expenses	385	255
Diocese/clergy costs		
Parish Share	18,902	9,500
Diocesan Fees	2,116	0
Clergy Expenses	2,119	2,212
Other costs of services		
Organ and Music	347	463
Charitable donations		
Donation to Charities and Relief Agencies	236	497
Hall expenses		
New equipment	2,783	1,649
Fire alarms and extinguishers	304	220
Cleaning materials	178	183
Cleaning contractor	1,850	1,260
Repairs	271	839
Sundries	276	537
Phone	45	60
Bank charges	59	0
Food	376	249
Calor Heating	1,169	24
Electricity	544	888
Website and adverts	315	100
Family Fun Day expenses	934	0
Licences and legal	170	183
Insurance	744	728
Grounds maintenance and repairs	715	262
Donations	749	3,867
Total payments	51,218	28,110
Surplus/deficit	-17,990	3,937

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	2025	2024	Movement
Cash Funds			
PCC Bank Current Account	10,293	15,665	-5,372
CBF Deposit (note 1)	17,153	31,268	-14,114
CBF Deposit (Shalfleet Baker GT)	2,031	2,112	-80
CBF Deposit (Newbridge Church Hall)	6,415	6,682	-267
Hall Current	575	1,006	-431
Hall Savings	23,933	22,005	1,928
National Savings Account (note 3)	545	545	0
Total cash	60,946	79,283	-18,338
Investments			
CBF Investment Fund (note 4)	203,580	212,058	-8,478
Total cash and investments	264,526	291,341	-26,815

Notes:

1. This includes £2,000 in the restricted Montgomery Charrington bequest.
2. The Baker GT and the Montgomery Charrington fund are restricted funds for maintenance of the Churchyard.
3. National Savings Statement not received, previous figure used.
4. 18,508.92 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (market value).
5. £617 was transferred from the Hall current account to the PCC current account on 27th August 2025.

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to invest our funds in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. We have £203,580 (variable depending on the value of shares) in the CCLA Investment fund to provide continuing income for the maintenance of the church fabric.

The two specific funds, Baker Graves (Restricted) and Newbridge Village Hall (Unrestricted) are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment fund.

